



**Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Technical Advisory Committee

**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 25, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

*Technical Advisory Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.*

***Attendance***

Technical Advisory Committee: Toby Turner (Monroe County Highway), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Jim Ude (INDOT), Dave Williams (COB Parks), Tom Micuda (COB Planning), Frank Nierzwicki (Town of Ellettsville), Perry Maull (IU Campus Bus Service), and Laura Haley (Bloomington GIS).

Others: Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), Raymond Hess (MPO Staff), and Jane Weiser (COB Planning)

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Tom Micuda motioned approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Ude. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Communications from the Chair**

No report.

**IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**

**A. Updates on MPO related projects**

Toby Turner of County Highway reported that Bridge #902 on S. Walnut is over 60% complete. The Vernal Pike Phase II and Smith and Rogers are still acquiring right-of-way. The Karst Greenway had public meetings last week.

Adrian Reid reported that right-of-way acquisition is underway for the W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. project. They are moving forward with condemnation with AutoZone. Lew May asked about the planned artistic bus shelters. Mr. Reid said he would find out more information. Right-of-way is close to being purchased for the Henderson Safe Routes to School project from Allen to Hillside. That project will be let next February. The City is awaiting approval from INDOT for a third addendum to the S. Rogers St. project.

**V. Reports from the MPO Staff**

Raymond Hess distributed a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) memorandum. Grant applications are due in May. The City would like to apply for \$100,000 in infrastructure funding to do minor improvements at Summit, Childs, Jackson Creek, and Harmony Schools. The Monroe County Community School Corporation would like to apply for \$75,000 in non-infrastructure funding to develop Safe Routes to School Plans with the help of a consultant for University, Highland Park, Fairview, Tri-North, Arlington, and Binford/Rogers/St. Charles. The CAC recommended endorsement of the applications at their last meeting. Frank Nierzwicki moved to recommend approval from the Policy Committee for these two applications. Lew May seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Complete Streets Policy**

Mr. Hess noted that the CAC has supported the idea of this policy but the draft policy has remain unchanged for the last several months.

**B. Unified Planning Work Program FY 2009-2010 (*Recommendation Requested*)**

Mr. Desmond noted 2 changes. In Element 202, the North Campus Area Study now includes language to consider north/south streets as well as east/west ones. Also, the signature page for the self-certification statement has been altered to reference the appropriate federal code citation. The CAC reviewed the draft and recommended approval by the Policy Committee. They also requested adding provisions for public input for the short term transportation studies. Staff supports this. Lew May noted that Campus Bus would like to be very involved in the North Campus Area Study. Tom Micuda moved to endorse the UPWP with the modifications and forward to the Policy Committee with a positive recommendation. Lew May seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**C. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2009-2012**

Mr. Hess said that this document has not had many changes to the tables. The committee will have an opportunity to review the document again at the May 23 meeting. An official public comment period is underway and all public comments will be included in the next packet. Mr. May said he thinks the pie chart is skewed toward public transportation since the road projects don't include operating and maintenance expenses. Mr. Nierzwicki asked if the SR 46 and Smith Rd. project has been coordinated with other State projects so that the new sidewalks would not be damaged. Mr. Ude replied that work on the ramps is warranted when the State does resurfacing projects. Mr. Hess noted that many community members were pleased that INDOT was able to install "bicycle friendly" grates.

**VII. New Business**

Mr. Hess said that he hoped to have a draft of the Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture by the next meeting. He would like adoption of the ITS at the June meeting of the Policy committee. Lew May said that they have started their transit study, have had a series of stakeholder interviews with the consultant, had a community charette, and have an online survey on the home page of their website. They expect the study to be finished in the fall. Frank Nierzwicki said that the Ellettsville Planning Department will have its own webpage within the next month.

**VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)**

**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas**

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

**A. Policy Committee – May 9, 2008 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)**

**B. Technical Advisory Committee – May 23, 2008 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)**

**C. Citizens Advisory Committee – May 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

*These minutes were approved by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on /08.  
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